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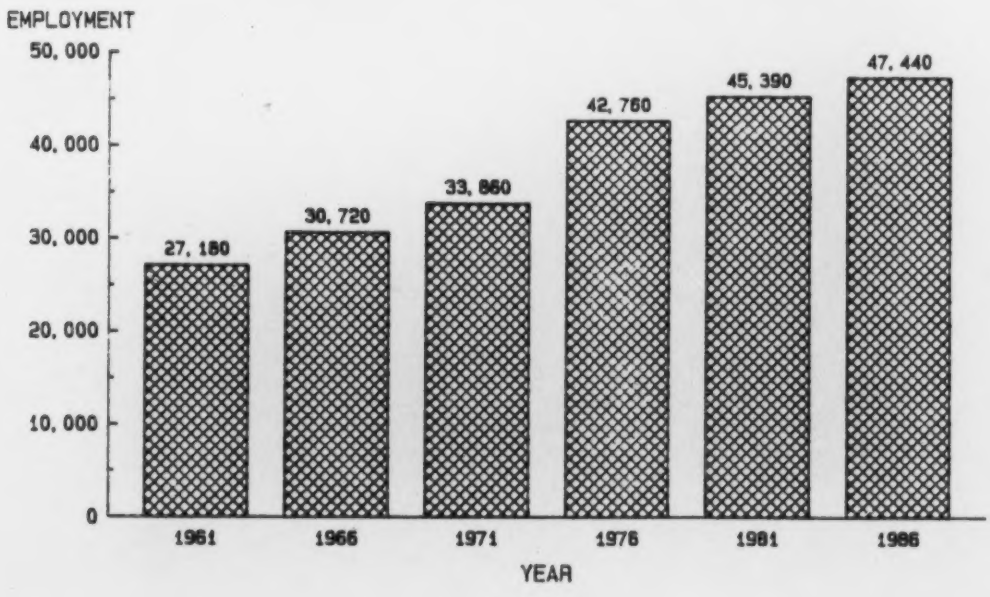

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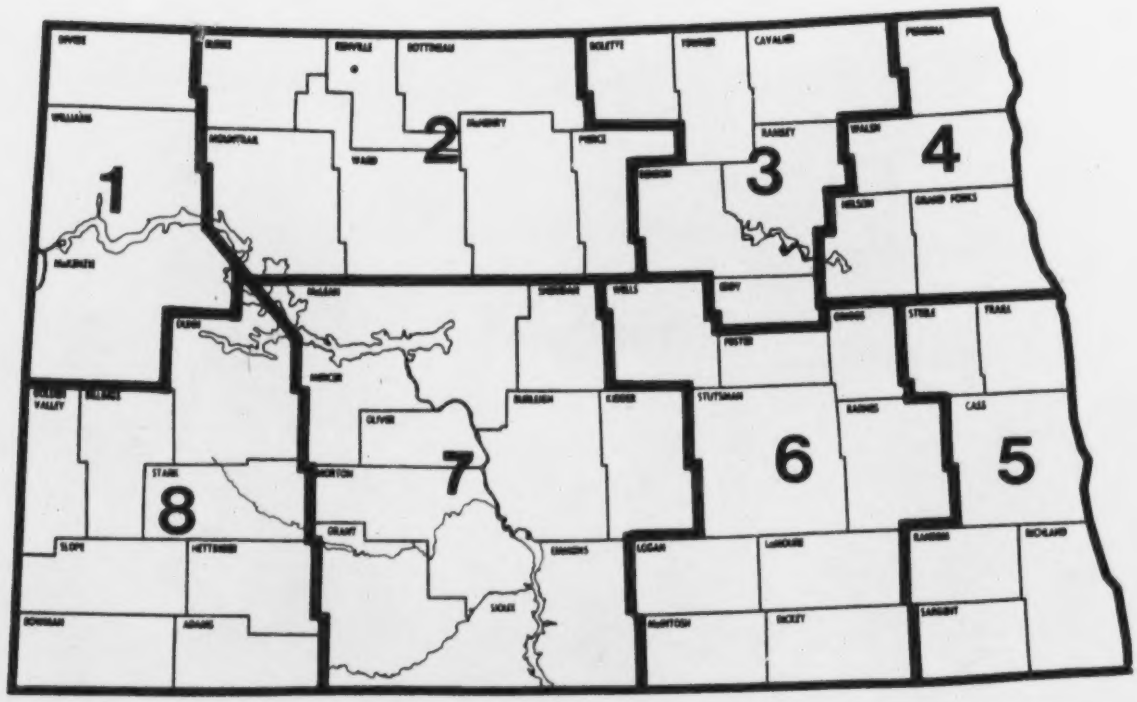

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RETAIL TRADE IN NORTH DAKOTA

Retail trade, the third largest industry in North Dakota, employed 47,440 workers during 1986. Only government and the services industries employed more workers. The three major groups provided jobs for over 170 thousand workers or roughly two out of every three employed workers in the state.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1961, retail trade employment comprised 21.5% of the total nonfarm wage and salary employment in North Dakota. During the rapid growth period of the 1960's and 1970's, retail trade grew but at a slightly slower pace than some of the other industries. In 1966, the percentage of employment in retail trade to total employment dropped to 20.8%. Its share continued to decline and comprised 20.3%, 19.9%, and 18.2% in 1971, 1976, and 1981 respectively. However, with the overall slowdown in the economy in the past five years, retail trade has experienced a slightly faster growth rate. In 1986, 19.1% of the employment in North Dakota was in retail trade -- up from 18.2% in 1981.

Even though the industry did not keep pace with the growth in total nonfarm employment during the 1960's and 1970's, it recorded gains in eleven of the last fifteen years. The four over-the-year losses were negligible when they did occur, averaging slightly over 300 per year. On the other hand, the industry had an overall net gain of 13,580 between 1971 and 1986, showing strong growth, especially in the 1970's, with the overall economy on the upswing.

Some segments of the retail trade industry have shown exceptionally strong growth, while others have recorded only moderate increases. Employment in eating and drinking establishments has shown phenomenal growth in the past fifteen years. It rose from 7,400 in 1971 to 12,500 five years later. This addition of 5,100 represented an increase of 69%! An additional 2,580 were added by 1981, and by 1986 the industry averaged 16,390.

With the sharp rise in employment, you would expect the number of establishments to also increase. However, this was not the case. The number of eating and drinking establishments remained relatively stable from 1978 to 1986, ranging from 1,400 to 1,500. In the past three years the count has dropped from 1,467 to 1,420. In the four major counties -- Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, and Ward -- the number increased by four while employment was up sharply from 8,288 to 9,055. The drop in the number of units obviously occurred in the rural counties. Although the figures represent the number of people employed, it should be noted that many are young workers entering the labor market and may be working only part time.

Average monthly wages also substantiate the fact that employers in retail trade, and more specifically, in eating and drinking places, employ a large number of part-time workers. Monthly wages in retail trade in the first quarter of 1986 averaged $730, while the food and beverage industry average was only $427. The earnings in the four major counties were only slightly higher than the state average. In Cass County, the average earnings in retail trade was $784, while workers in eating and drinking establishments averaged $445.

Two segments of the retail trade industry have experienced declines in the past ten years. Employment in retail stores selling hardware and related items employed 2,850 workers in 1976 and only 2,420 in 1986. The number of workers in automobile dealerships and service stations also declined during the same period. The other major groups have all shown moderate growth. Although retail trade as a whole has not set any records in recent years, it has moved slowly forward and is prepared to meet the needs of the public to a greater degree as overall economic conditions improve.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Mar. 1987	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Apr. 1986
TOTAL	248,600	245,100	247,300	1.4%	0.5%
MINING	3,800	3,600	4,800	5.6%	-20.8%
Coal	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,400	2,300	3,200	4.3%	-25.0%
Other Mining	300	200	400	50.0%	-25.0%
CONSTRUCTION	8,600	7,700	8,900	11.7%	-3.4%
Building Construction	2,200	2,000	2,500	10.0%	-12.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,900	1,500	2,000	26.7%	-5.0%
Special Trade Construction	4,500	4,200	4,400	7.1%	2.3%
MANUFACTURING	15,600	15,300	15,000	2.0%	4.0%
Durable Goods	6,400	6,200	6,300	3.2%	1.6%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	600	500	600	20.0%	0.0%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	700	700	600	0.0%	16.7%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,800	3,800	3,900	0.0%	-2.6%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,200	1,200	8.3%	8.3%
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,100	8,700	1.1%	5.7%
Food & Kindred Products	4,700	4,700	4,200	0.0%	11.9%
Dairy Products	700	700	800	0.0%	-12.5%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	2,100	2,100	1,500	0.0%	40.0%
Bakery Products	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,000	2,100	5.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	15,600	15,600	15,700	0.0%	-0.6%
Transportation	7,700	7,700	7,600	0.0%	1.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,400	4,400	4,200	0.0%	4.8%
Other Transportation	3,300	3,300	3,400	0.0%	-2.9%
Communications	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
Public Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,800	0.0%	-2.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Mar. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Apr. 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	18,800	19,600	1.6%	-2.6%
Durable Goods	8,900	8,800	9,200	1.1%	-3.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,200	10,000	10,400	2.0%	-1.9%
RETAIL TRADE	47,400	46,400	47,100	2.2%	0.6%
General Merchandise	6,100	6,000	5,900	1.7%	3.4%
Food Stores	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,500	6,400	6,600	1.6%	-1.5%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Other Retail	25,800	25,000	25,500	3.2%	1.2%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,300	12,300	0.8%	0.8%
Finance	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	0.0%
Banking	4,100	4,100	4,200	0.0%	-2.4%
Other Finance	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
Insurance	3,800	3,800	3,700	0.0%	2.7%
Real Estate	1,800	1,700	1,800	5.9%	0.0%
SERVICES	60,300	59,700	59,100	1.0%	2.0%
Lodging	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	0.0%
Health Services	25,700	25,600	25,100	0.4%	2.4%
Nursing Care & Hospitals	18,900	18,900	18,600	0.0%	1.6%
Other Medical Services	6,800	6,700	6,500	1.5%	4.6%
Other Services	30,500	30,100	29,900	1.3%	2.0%
GOVERNMENT	65,800	65,700	64,800	0.2%	1.5%
Federal	10,000	10,000	9,600	0.0%	4.2%
State Government	20,400	20,500	19,500	-0.5%	4.6%
Educational Services	13,200	13,500	12,700	-2.2%	3.9%
Other State Government	7,200	7,000	6,800	2.9%	5.9%
Local Government	35,400	35,200	35,700	0.6%	-0.8%
Educational Services	17,800	17,800	18,200	0.0%	-2.2%
Other Local Government	17,600	17,400	17,500	1.1%	0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Mar. 1987	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Apr. 1986
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,800	69,000	67,600	1.2%	3.3%
Mining & Construction	2,800	2,500	2,700	12.0%	3.7%
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,700	0.0%	2.1%
Durable Goods	2,000	1,900	2,000	5.3%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	2,800	2,900	2,700	-3.4%	3.7%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,100	4,100	3,900	0.0%	5.1%
Trade	20,700	20,300	20,000	2.0%	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,300	6,400	1.6%	0.0%
Retail Trade	14,300	14,000	13,600	2.1%	5.1%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,200	0.0%	4.8%
Services	19,100	18,700	18,500	2.1%	3.2%
Government	13,900	14,200	13,600	-2.1%	2.2%
Federal	2,100	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	0.0%
State & Local	11,800	12,000	11,500	-1.7%	2.6%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,300	28,900	28,600	1.4%	2.4%
Mining & Construction	1,200	1,100	1,200	9.1%	0.0%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,500	5.9%	20.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,300	1,400	1,500	-7.1%	-13.3%
Trade	8,100	7,900	8,000	2.5%	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,700	6,500	6,600	3.1%	1.5%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,200	1,100	1,100	9.1%	9.1%
Services	6,400	6,300	6,100	1.6%	4.9%
Government	9,300	9,400	9,200	-1.1%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,600	36,000	35,600	1.7%	2.8%
Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	1,400	1,200	1,300	16.7%	7.7%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,900	0.0%	-5.3%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,700	2,700	2,800	0.0%	-3.6%
Trade	9,700	9,500	9,600	2.1%	1.0%
Wholesale	2,200	2,100	2,300	4.8%	-4.3%
Retail	7,500	7,400	7,300	1.4%	2.7%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Services	10,400	10,300	10,100	1.0%	3.0%
Government	8,800	8,700	8,100	1.1%	8.6%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From Mar. 1987	Percent Change From Apr. 1986
All Items	328.4	337.7	335.9	325.3	0.5	3.8
Food & Beverage	311.8	322.5	321.6	308.5	0.3	4.5
Housing	360.2	367.7	366.4	358.0	0.4	2.7
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	218.7	215.2	207.3	1.6	5.5
Transportation	307.5	313.3	310.6	303.3	0.9	3.3
Medical Care	433.5	457.3	455.0	428.0	0.5	6.8
Entertainment	274.1	281.3	279.8	272.3	0.5	3.3

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From Mar. 1987	Percent Change From Apr. 1986
All Commodities	299.8	305.1	302.8	298.2	0.8	2.3
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	252.0	257.0	251.9	246.2	2.0	4.4
Industrial Commodities	312.1	317.4	315.8	311.1	0.5	2.0

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	398.75	402.46	392.85	40.4	40.9	40.5	9.87	9.84	9.70
Durable Goods	427.03	431.81	423.54	41.1	41.6	41.2	10.39	10.38	10.28
Nondurable Goods	360.12	363.20	351.65	39.4	40.0	39.6	9.14	9.08	8.88
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	321.26	328.32	301.67	38.2	38.9	36.7	8.41	8.44	8.22
Durable Goods	346.81	362.97	330.65	39.5	41.2	38.9	8.78	8.81	8.50
Nondurable Goods	305.18	305.56	281.25	37.4	37.4	35.2	8.16	8.17	7.99
Food & Kindred	306.08	305.25	284.55	38.5	38.3	35.0	7.95	7.97	8.13
Printing & Publishing	252.02	255.42	259.37	30.4	30.7	31.1	8.29	8.32	8.34
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	306.45	306.73	302.88	36.7	37.0	36.1	8.35	8.29	8.39
Durable Goods	319.58	309.96	311.54	38.0	37.3	37.4	8.41	8.31	8.33
Nondurable Goods	295.95	304.70	296.74	35.7	36.8	35.2	8.29	8.28	8.43

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Divide	1,554	1,451	1,579	1,497	1,383	1,485	57	68	94	3.7	4.7	6.0
McKenzie	2,951	2,799	3,511	2,683	2,558	3,172	268	241	339	9.1	8.6	9.7
Williams	11,585	11,704	13,310	10,413	10,378	11,513	1,172	1,326	1,797	10.1	11.3	13.5
REGION 1 TOTAL	16,090	15,954	18,400	14,593	14,319	16,170	1,497	1,635	2,230	9.3	10.2	12.1
Bottineau	3,803	3,614	3,847	3,558	3,340	3,505	245	274	342	6.4	7.6	8.9
Burke	1,504	1,427	1,573	1,373	1,282	1,429	131	145	144	8.7	10.2	9.2
McHenry	3,064	2,926	3,159	2,655	2,444	2,601	409	482	558	13.3	16.5	17.7
Mountrail	3,633	3,497	3,541	3,319	3,190	3,158	314	307	383	8.6	8.8	10.8
Pierce	2,752	2,622	2,694	2,627	2,478	2,515	125	144	179	4.5	5.5	6.6
Renville	1,393	1,340	1,447	1,292	1,225	1,306	101	115	141	7.3	8.6	9.7
Ward	25,666	25,114	25,434	24,264	23,519	23,482	1,402	1,595	1,952	5.5	6.4	7.7
REGION 2 TOTAL	41,815	40,540	41,695	39,088	37,478	37,996	2,727	3,062	3,699	6.5	7.6	8.9
Benson	3,573	3,404	3,396	3,248	3,019	3,133	325	385	263	9.1	11.3	7.7
Cavalier	2,969	2,795	2,836	2,745	2,552	2,625	224	243	211	7.5	8.7	7.4
Eddy	1,677	1,613	1,613	1,473	1,380	1,433	204	233	180	12.2	14.4	11.2
Ramsey	6,716	6,585	6,459	6,331	6,143	6,084	385	442	375	5.7	6.7	5.8
Rolette	5,030	4,977	5,185	4,433	4,302	4,447	597	675	738	11.9	13.6	14.2
Towner	1,759	1,725	1,776	1,685	1,637	1,660	74	88	116	4.2	5.1	6.5
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,724	21,099	21,265	19,915	19,033	19,382	1,809	2,066	1,883	8.3	9.8	8.9
Grand Forks	35,986	35,300	34,693	34,715	34,049	33,197	1,271	1,251	1,496	3.5	3.5	4.3
Nelson	2,167	2,106	2,151	2,022	1,906	1,981	145	200	170	6.7	9.5	7.9
Pembina	5,258	5,030	5,315	4,733	4,456	4,723	525	574	592	10.0	11.4	11.1
Walsh	8,424	8,132	8,066	8,044	7,716	7,586	380	416	480	4.5	5.1	6.0
REGION 4 TOTAL	51,835	50,568	50,225	49,514	48,127	47,487	2,321	2,441	2,738	4.5	4.8	5.5
Cass	58,239	57,424	56,369	56,855	55,530	54,020	1,384	1,894	2,349	2.4	3.3	4.2
Ransom	2,827	2,703	2,814	2,736	2,588	2,673	91	115	141	3.2	4.3	5.0
Richland	9,012	8,929	8,485	8,620	8,470	7,976	392	459	509	4.3	5.1	6.0
Sargent	2,650	2,557	2,594	2,550	2,434	2,440	100	123	154	3.8	4.8	5.9
Steele	1,261	1,185	1,276	1,202	1,099	1,193	59	86	83	4.7	7.3	6.5
Traill	4,678	4,357	4,553	4,463	4,201	4,279	215	156	274	4.6	3.6	6.0
REGION 5 TOTAL	78,667	77,155	76,091	76,426	74,322	72,581	2,241	2,833	3,510	2.8	3.7	4.6

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Barnes	6,704	6,611	6,195	6,388	6,228	5,833	316	383	362	4.7	5.8	5.8
Dickey	3,501	3,308	3,405	3,364	3,134	3,276	137	174	129	3.9	5.3	3.8
Foster	2,341	2,206	2,318	2,201	2,056	2,147	140	150	171	6.0	6.8	7.4
Griggs	1,630	1,522	1,629	1,594	1,466	1,535	36	56	94	2.2	3.7	5.8
La Moure	2,667	2,519	2,619	2,543	2,385	2,451	124	134	168	4.6	5.3	6.4
Logan	1,576	1,457	1,545	1,522	1,376	1,486	54	81	59	3.4	5.6	3.8
McIntosh	2,357	2,208	2,357	2,274	2,129	2,252	83	79	105	3.5	3.6	4.5
Stutsman	12,449	12,170	12,415	11,842	11,451	11,642	607	719	773	4.9	5.9	6.2
Wells	3,139	2,964	3,096	2,931	2,726	2,861	208	238	235	6.6	8.0	7.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	36,364	34,965	35,579	34,659	32,951	33,483	1,705	2,014	2,096	4.7	5.8	5.9
Burleigh	32,338	31,504	31,973	30,774	30,022	29,685	1,564	1,482	2,288	4.8	4.7	7.2
Emmons	2,391	2,258	2,383	2,253	2,082	2,197	138	176	186	5.8	7.8	7.8
Grant	2,065	1,873	2,086	1,947	1,774	1,937	118	99	149	5.7	5.3	7.1
Kidder	1,733	1,656	1,739	1,547	1,431	1,515	186	225	224	10.7	13.6	12.9
McLean	4,564	4,399	4,827	4,267	4,040	4,298	297	359	529	6.5	8.2	11.0
Mercer	5,225	5,106	6,021	4,846	4,676	5,247	379	430	774	7.3	8.4	12.9
Morton	12,147	11,862	12,263	11,456	11,176	11,050	691	686	1,213	5.7	5.8	9.9
Oliver	989	947	1,123	900	862	1,005	89	85	118	9.0	9.0	10.5
Sheridan	1,306	1,215	1,322	1,210	1,095	1,207	96	120	115	7.4	9.9	8.7
Sioux	1,422	1,375	1,333	1,307	1,255	1,257	115	120	76	8.1	8.7	5.7
REGION 7 TOTAL	64,180	62,195	65,070	60,507	58,413	59,398	3,673	3,782	5,672	5.7	6.1	8.7
Adams	1,939	1,839	1,849	1,868	1,773	1,768	71	66	81	3.7	3.6	4.4
Billings	594	580	693	550	525	655	44	55	38	7.4	9.5	5.5
Bowman	2,232	2,156	2,301	2,142	2,041	2,147	90	115	154	4.0	5.3	6.7
Dunn	1,922	1,786	2,049	1,734	1,588	1,823	188	198	226	9.8	11.1	11.0
Golden Valley	1,081	1,040	1,083	1,043	1,000	1,002	38	40	81	3.5	3.8	7.5
Hettinger	2,044	1,939	2,062	1,893	1,773	1,903	151	166	159	7.4	8.6	7.7
Slope	576	525	547	556	483	497	20	42	50	3.5	8.0	9.1
Stark	11,804	11,714	12,531	10,902	10,698	11,028	902	1,016	1,503	7.6	8.7	12.0
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,192	21,579	23,115	20,688	19,881	20,823	1,504	1,698	2,292	6.8	7.9	9.9
STATE TOTAL	332,867	324,055	331,449	315,390	304,524	307,322	17,477	19,531	24,127	5.3	6.0	7.3

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Apr. 1987	Previous Month Mar. 1987	One Year Ago Apr. 1986	Percent Change From Mar. 1987	Percent Change From Apr. 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	121,070	120,958	118,987	0.1	1.8
Employment	113,570	113,104	110,664	0.4	2.6
Unemployment	7,500	7,854	8,323	-4.5	-9.9
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.5%	7.0%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	332,870	324,050	331,440	2.7	0.4
Employment	315,390	304,520	307,320	3.6	2.6
Unemployment	17,480	19,530	24,120	-10.5	-27.5
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	6.0%	7.3%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,150	83,210	81,770	1.1	2.9
Employment	81,590	79,710	77,740	2.4	5.0
Unemployment	2,560	3,500	4,030	-26.9	-36.5
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	4.2%	4.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,990	35,300	34,700	2.0	3.7
Employment	34,720	34,050	33,200	2.0	4.6
Unemployment	1,270	1,250	1,500	1.6	-15.3
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,490	43,370	44,240	2.6	0.6
Employment	42,230	41,200	40,740	2.5	3.7
Unemployment	2,260	2,170	3,500	4.1	-35.4
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.0%	7.9%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MARCH 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	324.0	341.8	2,212.1	405.9
Employment	304.5	326.3	2,077.9	370.2
Unemployment	19.5	15.5	134.2	35.7
Unemployment Rate	6.0	4.5	6.1	8.8

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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